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CONTROLLER'S OFFICE RELEASES LATEST MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

RALEIGH – For March 2010, North Carolina's General Fund experienced an increase in tax receipts and a decrease in non-tax receipts. Tax revenues, net of refunds, increased by \$161.1 million, or 15.2 percent during the month of March compared to the previous year. On the other hand, non-tax revenues decreased by \$381.4 million, or 85.6 percent. This decrease was primarily due to a transfer made into the General Fund for \$336 million to fund the Medicaid program from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act on March 5, 2009. There was not a transfer of that type in March 2010. Because of the existing lower cash balances and lower rates of return on investment, investment earnings declined by \$1 million or 42.9 percent for the month of March compared to the previous year. Year to date, through March, net tax revenues reflected an increase of \$647.9 million, or 5.5 percent, with investment earnings down by \$72.2 million, or 69.1 percent.

The General Fund's unreserved fund balance as of March 2010 was a negative \$251.6 million as compared to a negative \$1.2 billion as of March 2009. The State traditionally faces lower cash availability leading up to April 15.

This information is contained in the most recent monthly report on the General Fund compiled by the Office of the State Controller. This report can be found at <http://www.osc.nc.gov/index2.html>. Go to "Recent Publications" and click on "General Fund Monthly Financial Report -- March." The OSC website includes General Fund monthly budgetary basis financial information back through June 1998.

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